

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully submits that the subject application is now in condition for allowance based upon the amendment presented herein and the following remarks.

Pending Claims

The subject application was originally filed with 35 claims. Since then, Applicant has added new claims 36-51, and cancelled claims 1-34, 36, 40, 43-44 and 47 without prejudice.

In the present Amendment, Applicant has cancelled claim 51 without prejudice to presentation of this claim, or the subject matter recited therein, in this or a later filed case.

Accordingly, claims 35, 37-39, 41-42, 45-46, and 48-50 are now pending in the subject application.

Summary of Office Action

In the Office Action dated October 12, 2005, the Examiner:

- (1) allowed claims 35, 37-39, 41-42, 45-46, and 48-50; and
- (2) rejected claim 51 under 37 C.F.R. §1.75 as being a substantial duplicate of claim 45.

Objection to Claim 51 under 37 U.S.C. §1.75

Applicant has cancelled claim 51 without prejudice. Accordingly, the objection to this claim under 37 C.F.R. §1.75 is now moot and Applicant respectfully requests that it be withdrawn.

Conclusion

In view of the remarks above and the amendment presented herein, it is believed that the subject application (i.e., claims 35, 37-39, 41-42, 45-46, and 48-50) is in condition for allowance and notice to such effect is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any necessary additional fees, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-2051, referencing Docket No. FIREP9912142US.

Respectfully submitted,

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